

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of : **Hideyuki AOKI, et al.**

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as follows: